

Now Half of Brits Google for Help With DIY

We are coming to that time of the year again to dust off our toolboxes and get spring cleaning. A recent nationwide survey conducted by [JJ Roofing Supplies](#) suggests that quite a few Brits will be struggling to clear their outstanding DIY list this Bank Holiday.

The survey quizzed 2,000 Brits about how many DIY tasks they do on a yearly basis compared to how many tasks they have outstanding.

With 28% of Brits stating that they have between 4-10 DIY tasks that still need doing around the house, and the average Brit only tackling 3 tasks a year – not much of spring cleaning this Bank Holiday?

Do Brits have the skills for DIY?

With nearly 10% of Brits admitting that their DIY skills are poor, and 35% admitting that they guess how to do DIY tasks, it's not surprising that Brits are prone to DIY disasters.

When trying to do small DIY tasks around the house, one in four Brits don't know how to change a fuse, and 26% of respondents said they have either broken light fixtures while trying to fix them or have ruined house décor by trying to spruce it up.

In some cases doing DIY has really gone wrong as nearly 10% of Brits have found themselves in situations where they needed medical help when doing DIY tasks.

The true costs of DIY

A whopping 70% of Brits have said they have paid someone else to do their DIY tasks. From fixing a leaking roof to hiring someone to put together their flat-pack furniture, 16% of Brits splash out as much as £80 on a single DIY task.

Areas where DIY will be blooming this Bank Holiday

Out of those surveyed, it seems Yorkshire and the Humber come on top when quizzed about how comfortable they are doing DIY, with 39% rating their DIY skills as good or excellent.

When Brits were asked about basic DIY tasks they can do, surprisingly the results varied around the UK.

Replace wall tiles - % that can

South East – 38%

London – 39%

North West – 43%

East Midlands – 43%

Yorkshire and the Humber – 43%

Scotland – 46%

Change a fuse - % that can

London – 70%

South East – 73%

South West – 76%

East Midlands – 76%

Scotland – 75%

Yorkshire and the Humber – 77%

Bricklaying - % that are comfortable doing this

East Midlands – 10%

Scotland – 12%

Yorkshire and the Humber – 15%

North West – 16%

South East – 16%

Scotland – 12%

London – 18%

But maybe paying someone else to do your DIY is the way forward. Nearly half of respondents living in East Midlands said they have argued with a partner about DIY, and over a quarter of Brits feeling embarrassed when having to ask for DIY help.

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Find out how millennials handle DIY tasks [here](#).

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JJ Roofing Supplies conducted the survey in March 2016, the survey has had 2,000 respondents.

When it comes to the younger generation, 10% of millennials said that the last time they've done a DIY task was a year ago, while 40% rely on YouTube to show them what to do.

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It’s not surprising that 25% of millennials have paid someone to fit household essentials, since 32% have said they don’t own a proper tool box.

When it comes to labour tasks in general, millennials seem to be more comfortable cleaning windows and mowing the lawn and least comfortable with changing car tires or bricklaying.

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